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FROM:

SUBJECT: DFG/OIT Secretarial Training Requirements

We feel that secretaries need a variety of solid job skills right up front, because all too often they are required to "hit the deck running". These skills would include inter-personal relationships, protocol awareness, office etiquette, telephone conduct (it is all too common to call an office and be answered by a rather surly "hello"), grammar, editing/proofing, and strong word processing in both Wang and VM.

The report mentions the need for secretaries, particularly at Level III, to assume more administrative duties, thereby relieving officers of some of their more routine tasks. In reality, many secretaries at Levels I and II are already active in this area. It would be helpful if these secretaries could have some training in specific administrative procedures such as PAR and CSA preparations. One day of such instruction might eliminate a month's worth of learning by trial and error.

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